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February 22, 2012

Raymond W. Kelly
Commissioner
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

I am writing regarding the Crime Reporting Review Panel. On January 5, 2011 you issued a press release announcing the panel, and the appointment of three attorneys and former Federal prosecutors. I am well aware that you are as concerned about this potential problem as I am, and commend your effort.

The last line of the press release states, "the committee has been asked to complete its work over the next three to six months, with the full cooperation of all units in the Police Department." After the passage of six months, my office made an inquiry regarding the panel's timeline. We were informed that there was no timeline in place for the completion of the panel's work.

I am aware and saddened by the loss of attorney and panel member Robert G. Morvillo. I understand that his passing must have had a significant impact on their work.

However, a year had passed since the panel's formation, prior to this loss, and there has been no update. I am requesting that your Department provide a timeframe on when we can expect the results of their investigation. As you are aware, I have held off on holding a hearing on this very topic for some time despite mounting evidence of statistic tampering and cannot hold off indefinitely.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter. As always, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal stroke and a small upward flick.

Peter F. Vallone Jr.
Chair, Public Safety Committee